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NOT LICENSE, BUT JUSTICE!

It is assonishing to note the total mis apprehension by some legislators of the character of libel law which the press of Texas is asking from the incoming legis-The astonishment becomes the greater when a newspaper man berrays ignorance of the scope and effects of the law demanded.

It is not license that the papers want at all, as some of these misinformed people seen to imagine. The law which the reputable, responsible press asks for would not give to a single paper in Textes any additional liberty to attack character, or to publish offensive matter. All that is desired is that malice shall not be presumed from the publication itself; malice shall be proven by the plaintiff in an action and that in the absence of melice the plaintiff in a libel suit shall recover only actual and not punitive dam-The press only wants to be permitted to defend lawsuits as all other corporations and firms and citizens are allowed to do. It is justice and fair treatment and not license, by any means, that

the responsible solvent papers demand. As an illustration of the missporenension of the purposes of those who are seeking to have the State enact a libel law, instead of leaving us under bench-made law based upon the old English common law, be cited the following interview in the Ennis News with Hon. H. Clay Stropshire, a newspaper man and memberelect to the legislature from Parke. county:

"I think we have about the libel law we want. I would not favor a law to give publishers any more intitude than they now have. Just so long as a statement is truth, let it be published, but beyond that no journal should wish, i.e. There are not advanced as should wish to go. There are no clamorings for a more liberal law except from the large papers—the smaller publishers are not usualan aerimonious disposition might dictate, and away goes the reputation and good name of our best people. Good people would be bound-

the libel law we want!" As a matter of fact we have no statutory libel law in Texas and the best lawyers will tell you that they can never unticipate what the cours will do in the premises.

"Just as long us a statement is truth let it be published, but beyond that no journal should with to go." says Mr. Shropshire. But at present the solvent papers can not tell the truth with impunity. If they could justify by showing the truth they would ask no more, but they do not seek so much. The Houston Pos paid out \$2500 for publishing an ordinary kem of news, without malice, and that the courts said was the unquestioned truth, but which, on the dimetest technicality was held to be "libellous," and because libelious was presumed to be "malicous!" The Post made full reparation in its columps and proved any absence of either seckless publication or malice, but was muleted in violicitive damages!

The present bench-made law does no protect character or truth from the rock ess and victous assaults of the irrespon sible press, and the law asked for would give neither the solvent nor the judgmentof paper any greater latitude than now. us matter now would be libellous then, and no journal that could be made pay a judgment would at any time in-sige in reckless statements, or in undiffable assaults upon cheracter. The ge papers" are not alone in asking for fair libel law, but they ere unquestion bly the gratest sufferers under the pres-at confused court-made laws. The pres-nt rule is a discrimination against "large spers" that would not take edvantage of

It is gratifying to see by the way, that these demands are indered by so many ble legislators, and that the only opposition so far noted appears to be this which a based purely upon misapprebension of that the press wants.

The reasons presented Sunday morning The Post's Austin correspondence for a ew constitution for Texas should not only carefully read, as they doubtless will be y every Texas legislator, but by every citen of the State. Grouped together and dearly put, they present a remarkably strong plea for a step that is not only in he direction of progress, but that has beme a public necessity.

The makeshifts that have been tried from me to time in the way of amendments, while emphasizing the necessity for hanges in the organic law to meet the hanges that have occurred in the social and commercial life of the State, yet have relien far short of the demands of the time have frequently only added confusion and in many instances have wholly failed to give any adequate relief, and often to mest popular approval, simply, because of indif-

As succincily pointed out by the corre condence referred to, the State has ached that stare where the judiciary aveem needs reform, if not remodeling, to prevent clashes of authority, or divided outhority, in matters of vital interest to counties and cities; the organic law relative to assessment and taxation of many kinds of property, notably corporate property, requires to be brought up to fully and intelligently cover the new conditions; the provisions relating to cities and towns need radical revision: the investment and management of the school fund is a matter calling for wide reforms; regulation and management of the penitentiaries and the uses to which the penitentlary funds and the convicts shall be put claim prompt attention; broader provisions touching the eleemosynary institutions are demanded, and necessary reforms in the codes of criminal procedure are suggested by constitutional obstacles now in the way of the most satisfactory administration of justice.

These are a few of the greater questions involved in the proposition to give the State a constitution that will better meet people of Texas than the present instrument. To attempt these necessary reforms by amendments to the present constitution would be an interminable and, indeed, hopeless task, and would prove but a temporary expedient at best.

There is not the sentimental nor polit ical reason against a change in a State constitution that could be urged against a new National constitution. The former is in the nature more of a business charte. under which our local and domestic affairs are managed; the former is our charter of liberties, defining our form of government and Ms functions and powers, and should be tampered with as little as possible. In its main features it is flexible enough for all time, whereas the domestic constitutions should always respond to changed commercial, physical and domestic conditions in the various communities

which they cover. It is amusing to hear war department officials, and even General Merritt, complain that the Spanish general at Hollo had played us a trick in not waiting to surrender the city to six months been in desperate straits at Hollo, in danger daily of being overpowered and massacred, and yet not an American soldier was dispatched to that point until about a week But for the delay of the war department the new complications would not have

aldo will have to show his hand or his heels, While we are going in for a new and larger tanding army, it is worth noting that Europe is arming with improved rapid-fire field guns that cost about \$75,000 a battery. If we propose to keep up with the procession, we must have equally modern guns. As we went against Mausers, however, with old Spring-fields and the old powder, we may continue to trust to luck until we some day have a few an up-to-date foe!

The main interest which the South now has n Havana, since the American occupation is omplete, is to see it cleaned up.

Whatever may have been Cuban feeling in lavana on the 1st, the populace at Santiago did not fall to cheer the American fing to the echo. General Wood has made both himself and his country solid in Santiago, while main-taining the best of order. There is a great difference in governors sometimes.

Quite a number of gentlemen of the present National house will be chiefly concerned this session in their mileage account.

Preumonia in Washington is proving very lated this season and is bringing down some prominent men. It is one of the pertia that the saviors of the country have to face when they go to Washington, but they brave it with old Anglo-Saxon bulldog courage-and cry

The taking up of Weyler by the Sagasta covernment at Madrid would indicate that more wholesale butchery was in contempla-

conic plague, it seems, but depends on isola-ion and sanitation for protection. Sanitation over there, however, means what it implies and is not left to politics and politicians as in

Having taken the oath of office, Governor-Eccesvelt is now face to take with the Piats machine, and we shall see of what kind of stuff heroes are made!

The largely increased business, both of ex-port and import, done by the port of Galves-ton last year, continues to demonstrate what deep water will do for Texas ports. And the more ports the more business!

tards and Americans are being charged fancy NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS. government will get even, however, when i ularly in the colonies

NOTE AND COMMENT.

As will be seen from an interview with Mr. Eeris, one of the trustees, he asserts "after his year's experience that the Record naver carned anything like the sums stated by Mr. Singerly and others." We can easily believe, as Mr. Earis also says, that "the Record is now earning more than ever before," for it never has had abler business management; but ar these earnings have not permitted payments to creditors, actual earnings in the past must have been small indeed.

This was inevitable. If a paper published at a cent tries to cover the field of modern news it can not earn money. Either its readers fall to get all the news from a 1-cent maper, or the paper enters on expenditures which its receipt of 1 cent per copy will not justify. An effort is constantly made under these conditions to make the advertiser pay both for the publicity he gets and for the news furnished the reader. But the American aftertiser knows his business—none better. He knows that the quality of a circulation is as important as its quantity. He declines to improve the quality of the reader's news by paying more than the quality of the publicity, tased on a 1-cent circulation, is worth to him. In the end and the long run there is no escape from the fundamental business proposition that any article sold at less than what it cost to make it must inflict a loss somewhere and can not bring a profit, and it costs more than 1 cent a copy to make a camplete newspaper, containing the news of a city, a state, the Union and the world.—Philadelphia Press.

State, the Union and the world.—Philadelphia Press.

A forcible suggestive opportunity is afforded by the above statement for pointing a few facts pertinent to the conduct of the Galveston-Dailas News, and other similar journals of safe, fair and even-balanced lines. The average reader of a newspaper which he buys for a cent will wonder how the paper holds up. There are ten or even sixteen pages which he will receive for a penny. How do they get it out, be asks, all that white paper and type-setting and mailing, for a penny? The burden is light on the reader, in such a case, for he doesn't miss a penny. But there is a burden all that paper, setting of type, mailing cost and varied expense in many dozens of directions. Who bears the burden? If not the man who buys advertising space. This is not a business equilibrium. It is not business equilibrium. It is not business a publisher on the advertiser, who is a man of business affections to man of the man who is a man of business affections to man of the man who is a man of business affections to man the man of the man was a declined to man the man of the man and the business affections to make a probasile to make a probasile and the man of the man who is a man of business affections to make a probasile. who buys advertising space. This is not a business equilibrium. It is not business in any view. Hence the advertiser, who is a man of business, declines to make up losses on the subscription price and the atreet selling nice by paying an unhealthy premium for advertising space. The man who pays for the narer for the news in it and the other man who pays for advertising space are more satisfied when they know that each is contributing to the revenue of the paper, and that one of them is not gouged for the paper's chief support, and that meantime the paper with its excellencies as a news and advertising medium is eminently likely upon a sate and evenbalanced business policy to continue uninter-particuly its good services to the community in which it is published.—Galveston News.

What the News says is scund sense. And to apply the suggestion a bit further, is it not

to apply the suggestion a bit further, is it not probable that Texas people have been "wondering" how so great a paper as the Galveston News could afford to go on the "cut rate Will they not think that the News existing conditions and better reflect the has been giving the "business equilibrium" present experience and intelligence of the spoken of considerable of a wrench? As for The Post it has not cut its rates. It thinks it is furnishing a newspaper well worth the price asked, and returns show that the reading public agree with it.

In an interview a few days since Mr. Bryan

"So far as I have observed, and I have spoken on the question but two or three times, the attitude of the people is one of investigation, one of study and reflection. I don't believe that the great bulk of the people have made up their minds one way or the other. The question has never really come before the people as an issue, and I don't think they are ready yet to give any verdict upon it."

untion. The people are just beginning to gail, Miss Carr, Miss House, Miss Szabo, think seriously about this matter, and, although the expansionists claim the earth in the neatter of public sentiment, there has eally been no authoritative or representative expression on the subject. Expansion has not yet become a party measure, further than yet become a party measure, further than the republican administration at Washington hall, and the pretty bank of rosebuds on the eideboard in the dining room were men in his party. The Post believes that the democratic party will eventually take position against expansion, as understood in its broadthat the party will be sustained in its post tion by a majority of the people of the United real merits of the question.

real merits of the question.

The American Federation of Labor numbers nearly 1,000,000 members, and these members are, with fow exceptions, all voters it comprises far the largest fraction of the American electorate known to exist within the bounds of one compact organization. That so vast a body of voters should now abeak through their chosen representatives with practical unanimity against this "new, farreaching and dangerous bolley." Is a fact enleulated to give pause to those imperialist politicians who are guiding their course by what they guess to be the popular sentiment.—Epringfield (Mass.) Republican, Ind.

Every laboring man in this country is, or ought to be, opposed to this expansion and

ought to be, opposed to this expansion and wholesale colonizing scheme of the republican administration. They know, or ought to know, that while it will further enrich the rusts and combines by giving them new fields to plunder, it bodes no good to the laboring classes of this country. But will he laboring people vote as they feel? That is the question. Will they permit themselves again to be cafoled and frightened and bulldozed as they were in 1896?

The Houston Post thinks that Bailey's antipathy to Wheeler's seat in congress is on constitutional grounds. True, it is contrary to Bailey's constitution to suffer anything to live that does not worship the graven image that he has set up on the Pailey pedestal. Wheeler is not a worshipper of the Texan termagant and that is what is the matter with Jeseph.—San Antonio Light.

The Post is a bit curious to know what it is that General Wheeler is "worshipping."

is that General Wheeler is "worshipming," that causes him to be in such favor with the Light and other spects of that ilk.

POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

The Bank of France is four times as large Secretary Wilson personally superintends he gardens of his lows home.

Vice Procident Hobart is fond of walking and never rides when he can avoid it.

or pipe.

Prof. Max Muller has completed year, and also the golden jubilee of reer at Oxford. Longwood, Bonaparte's house in St. Helen a now a barn; the room in which he dis a stable; on the site of his grave is nachine for grinding corn.

Mrs. Theodore Rossevelt is a woman in hearly 30s, of medium height, fair completion and dark eyes and nair.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts is regarded as one of the best whist players in Boston out his favorite game is chess.

Some Very Brilliant Affairs in Houston's Society Circles.

THAT BEAUTIFUL OLD TIME CUSTOM

Of Keeping Open House Observed with Additional Splendor-Where Receptions Were Held.

The fact was noticed and commented on esterday that the practice of making New Year's calls was more generally observed, and the number of "open houses were more generally observed than for years past. Last year only two or three found receptions were held, while yesterday the mistresses of six of the hospitable homes in the city were thrown open to the many callers who made the rounds.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mistrot, at which several of the ladies of the Third ward received, is one of the handsomest in the city and the beauty and elegance of its artistic interior was added to yesterday afternoon and evening by an effective arrangement of paims, green vince, roses and other flowers. In the dining room, where the guests were served ovster cocktall, cold meats, sandwiches, coffee and chocolate, was an exceeding pretty centerpiece of delicate ferns and vines, from the wreaths of which peeped white rosebuds, the whole being very effective. Fruit punch was served in one of the pariors, the bowl being presided over by the receiving young ladies in turn The ladies who received were Mrs. G. A. Miatro, Mrs. A. P. Root, Mrs. O. C. Drew, Mrs. H. F. Ring, Mrs. W. C. Crane and Mrs. S. R. Tuggie, and they were assisted by Mis. W. V. R. Watson, Mrs. B. F. Weems, Mrs. W. H. Kirkland, Mrs. Fort Smith, Mrs. O. T. Holt, Mrs. R. B. Morris, Mrs. Bryan Heard, Mrs. P. K. Ewing, Mrs. C. W. Welch, Mrs. N. S. Meldeum, Mrs. William Christian, Mrs. G. W. Stieff, Mrs. S. N. Myer, Mrs. J. A. Mulien, Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Kate Florea Upron, Miss Notice Howard, Miss M. E. Watson, Miss Kirkland, Miss Stella Root, Miss Waldo, Miss Tuggle, Miss Watson, Miss Lea, Miss Key, Miss Porter, Miss Carr, Miss Giraud, Miss Edythe Giraud, Miss ones, Miss Cochran, Mas Henke, Hamman, Miss Lloyd and Miss Louise

The reception at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Baker, on Main street, was also a very handsome affair and was quite numerously attended. Mrs. Baker was assited in her charming hospitable offices by Mrs. John Shearn, Mrs. N. S. Meldrum, Mrs. P. K. Ewing, Mrs. Prank Andrews, Mrs. H. H. Dickson, Mrs. E. K. Dillingham, Mrs. W. G. Van Vleck, Mrs. W. H. Leavell, Mrs. J. M. Dorrance, Mrs. Rufus Coge, Mrs. J. N. Miller, Mrs. T. W. House, Mrs. A. P. Sauer, Mrs. W. M. Read, Mrs. F. A. Relebardt, Mrs. W. H. Palmer, Mrs. W. V. Fort of Waco, Miss Harriet Taylor, Miss Lucy Morris, Miss Dillingham, Miss McKeever, Miss Kennard, That is an accurate measurement of the sit- Jones, Miss Tarrant, Miss Usher, Miss

The decorations of the beautiful home that a suggestion of the holidays about them everywhere and, consisting as they did, of holly, mistletoe, handsome palms, reses and other flowers. The large palms very attractive features. The guests were served with salads, sandwiches, ices, cake, coffee and chocolate and dainty dishes con-

of Fort Worth, Mrs. Mary Finch of Huntsville, Mrs. J. C. Hutchoson, Mrs. Sinciair Tallaferro, Mrs. Wm. M. Mctchell, Mrs. W. B. Chew. Mrs. A. S. Hall, Mrs. F. A. Leovy, Mrs. J. H. B. House, Mrs. L. J. Parks, Mrs. David Rice. Mrs. J. T. Mahl, Mrs. C. H. Lucy, Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. E. P. Shearn, Mrs. B. W. Cemp, Mrs. H. F. Tallaferro, Mrs. Wm. M. Mitchell, Mrs. W. O. Connor of Dallas, Miss Schlutes of Tennessee, Miss Starling of Kentucky, Miss Campbell of Kentucky, Miss Tina Cleveland, Miss Alma Cleveland, Miss Bryan, Miss Botts, Miss Bobb, Miss Finch, Miss Waldo, Miss John, Miss Deversaux and Miss Bryan, Miss Botts, Miss Bobb, Miss Finch, Miss Waldo, Miss John, Miss Deversaux and Miss Bryan, This reception did not begin until 6 o'clock, and from that hour on to 10 the house was crowded with orders. Masters Bartlett Chew and Howard Smith, Jr., received the cards at the door and punch was saved by Miss Both, Miss Sarked by Miss Both, Miss

Bartlett Chew and Howard Smith, Jr., receivet the cards at the door and punch was
served by Miss Ruth Finch and Miss Gannen. The refreshments consisted of chicken
pates biscuits, coffee, chocolate, coss, cakes,
and the usual condiments. The decorations
wave extremely attractive, consisting as
they did, of nalms, yupon vine attistically
arranged and roses, violets and other
flowers. The table on which the punch
bowl reposed was almost entirely covered
with violets and the effect of the whole
was extremely pretty. was extremely pretty.

At the cosy old home of Mrs. Rober Brewster, on Milam street, the ladies who received were Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Jennie S. Hart, Mrs. E. N. Gray, Mrs. E. P. Daviss, Mrs. G. W. Heyer, Mrs. R. C. Stuart, Mrs. T. G. Retelliff, Mrs. J. R. Stuart, Mrs. H. B. Rice, Miss Cage, Miss Aileo, Miss Ruth Sayles, Miss Lizzie Sayles, Miss White, Miss Clemens, Miss McKinney, M. S. Wojdwar i of Fort Worth, Miss Briscoe, Miss Gibbons, Miss Baccek and Miss Stuart.

The eppointments of this affair were in berfect accord with well known and genuine hospitality of the hostesses and all present were made to enjoy themselves theroughly. The decorations were very profity and their arrangement showed the result of good taste and artistic talent. Refreshments were served.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Miner, on the corner of McGowen avenue and Caroline street, was decorated with Span-Caroline street, was decorated with Span-ish moss, green vines and flowers. Clarci pauch, sandwiches and cake were served. The receiving party consisted of Mrs. Mi-ner, Miss Meltery. Miss Caldwell, Miss Gribble, Miss Ella Gribble, Miss Brashear, Miss Miner, Miss Visson, Miss Blake and Miss Neblett of Eaule Lake.

made the occasion such a piessant one for those who called were: Mrs. C. W. Hurley, Mrs. S. E. Tracy, Mrs. W. H. Hurley, Mrs. Ben Bering, Mrs. Henry Curtin, Mrs. W. B. Jones, Mrs. Wm. Baugh, Mrs. John Bering, Mrs. H. Y. Howze, Mrs. Johns Bering, Mrs. H. Y. Howze, Mrs. Jones, Miss Aithes Jones, Miss Estelle Morrison, Miss Mollie Daviss, Miss Susle Grigg, Miss Susle Hurley, Miss Annie Laurie Davidson, Miss Edith House, Miss Lota thurley, Miss Ethel Richardson, Miss Jennie Bering, Miss Clara Hauptman, Miss Beatrico Huffmaster, Miss Amy Knight, Miss Halke Todd, Miss Louie Todd, Miss Clara Baugh and Miss Susle E. Hurley.

The reception held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association was a very pretty affair and was well attended. The decorations were quite attractive. The lattles who received were the Misses Gussie Jefferies, Karnes, Addie Skelton, Mabel Childress, Emma Sauter, Bess. e. Grant, Mary Jones, Sadie Jones, Althea Jones, Lochead, Leeta Riesner, Annie Laurie Davidson, Susie Hurley, Mamie Scholibo, Ema Scholibo, Kate Mellinger, Hallis Tockl, Louie Todd, Mannie Archer, M. D.; Fannie Archer, Belle Cohen, Edith Sweeney, Lula Sweeney, Emily Stanfield, Leife Williams, Mary Swope, Emmie Williams, Mamie Williams, Clara Hauptman, Blanche Dennis, Bessie Warner, Mabel Windle, Mae Sproule, Ada, Hearietta and Ruby McGowan, Ethel Richarlson, Amy Bering, Estelle Morrison, May Bering, Edith House, Blanche Settegast, Dolle Scott, Jennie Bering, Mollie Daviss, Sneed, Clare Roberts, Olive Roberts, Winnie Leggins, Eddie Harriman, Anna Boyd, Liskow, Emme, Eoster, Zee Johnson, Georgie Rand. Clare Roberts, Olive Roberts, Winnie Leg-gins, Eddie Harriman, Anna Boyd, Liskow Emma Foster, Zoe Johnson, Georgie Reed Carrie Hardesty, Violet Hoskins, Winnie Daughdrill, Magzie Bamford, Wade, Rub Dealy, Wellie Van Horn, Emma Gill, Lukiltrey, Maud Wilson, Jennie and Edna Da-viss, Vivian Ransome, Chare Carter, Grace Denris, Alice Kittell, Maud Rust, Edith Bridey, Lizzie Work, Vena Strong, Erric Crawford, Nellie Mills, Jewell Shiller, Bertie Roberts, Fannie Lamkin, Jessie Mel-vin, Pearl Redwine, Lala McQueen; Mesdames Seymour Brasher, Ewing, Palmer and G. L. Porter.

The german given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mistrot last night, following the reception during the afternoon and evening, was, as are all the social functions given by these ideal entertainers, perfect in every detail, and, of course thoroughly enjoyable. The dance card had spaces for three waltzes, two two-steps, three cotillions and two intermissions. The cotillions were led by Mr. Spencer Hutchins in his usual capale style, and severa very very pretty figures were introduced. In the first cotilion, which Mr. Hutch'ns danced with Miss McArthur of New Orleans, the accessories were do my peasant caps and sterling silver hat pins inscribed with "G. A. M., 1899," the initials of the host and hostess and the date of the event. These were distriuted among the young Indies

The leader danced the secon with Miss Alma Cleveland. The figure introduced was that in which a young lady selected from among those present was confronted with two men, to one of whom

she gave a glass of punch and to the other her company for the dance.

The last cotillon, which Mr. Hutchins danced with Miss McKeever, was quite a povel one. On a stand arranged on the center of the room was an enlarged dance card bearing the order of the dances for the evening. Dainty 1899 calendars which were distriuted as favors to the ladies were at-

During the evening four special favors were presented as follows: To Mrs. M. H. Foster, a handsome note book, bearing her initials and the date; to Mr.Spencer Hutchins, a silver match safe, sugraved with his mitials; to Mr. Abbot Cockrell, a set of hair brushes with silver ornaments; C. Arthur Williams, a hand ome cigar case, bearing his initials and the Appropriate refreshments were served

Appropriate retreatment of the during the evening.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G.
A. Mistrot. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fazgerald. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Morris, Mr. and
Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were Governor and Mrs. J. D. Sayers, who to their bone in Bartron from Washington.

After the reception the young ladics who received with their escorie, enjoyed dancing and other annisements as an only young peeple can enjoy themselves on such an occasion.

In the handsome Main street home of t. and Mrs. R. W. Knox. Mrs. R. S. vett. Mrs. Howard Smith. Mrs. C. W. Brott, Mrs. G. W. S. vett. Mrs. Howard Smith. Mrs. C. W. Brott, Mrs. G. W. Brott, Mrs. W. G. Klitter, Mrs. W. T. Hadoon, Mrs. G. W. Brott, Mrs. G. W. Brott, Mrs. W. G. Klitter, Mrs. W. T. Hadoon, Mrs. G. Stephen, Mrs. G. Stephen,

At the night performance the bill was "The Ragged Cavalier," Mr. Clarke's latter, a four-act comedy drama by himself and Louise Malloy. The attendance was ordinary. Mr. Clarke's newest play auffers much by comparison with "The Laf of His Race," which he as successfully passed on in this city last season. There is offithe slightest trace of a plot in the dramend there are some weak points a his construction, but withat some bright lines in the chalosue, consisting of comedy, paths and tragedy. Some of the situations are quite strong, bordering on the melodrama. There is little room in the play to display the superior talents of Mr. Clarke and hits Prince, but they succeed in getting out all there is in it. hoth are very elever repre-

seniatives of the profession and would un-doubtedly appear to better advantage in plays stronger than "The Ragged Cavaller." Mr. Clarke has made the mistake of Stuart Roison and others of selecting plays not sufficiently strong to show their abil-tics.

not sufficiently strong to show their abilities.

The following is the cast of characters of "The Ragged Cavalier:"
Marques Hector de St. Lo, the ragged cavalier Mr. Creston Clarke Count Armand de Malvoise Mr. George D. Parker Duke Francis de Brienne Mr. Walter Percival Monsteur Emil Latour Mr. Walter Percival Monsteur Emil Latour Mr. John Carter Andre de Blois Michel confidential servant to de Brienne Mr. Mr. P. S. Barrett Lamouche a constable Mr. J. J. Sambrook Caboche, a pessant Mr. J. J. Sambrook Caboche, a pessant Mr. J. J. Sambrook Caboche, a pessant Mr. L. B. Grey Tricot Louchard, an innkeeper Mr. G. Coutts Jacqueline, housekeeper in de Brienne's chateau at Coursell Mr. Mr. G. Coutts Jacqueline, housekeeper in de Brienne's chateau at Coursell Miss Alice Gale Mother Framboise, a market womas.

considerably. The next attraction is Mr. David Belasco's great successful war play, "The Heart of Maryland," which will appear Wednes-day and Thursday nights and Thursday

With the Cue.

There will be some interesting pool and billiard playing tonight and tomorrow night at the billiard hall at the Hutchins house. Commencing tonight and continuing tomorrow night there will be a continuous pool game of 200 points between Messrs, G. W. Barnes of Dallas, Frank Andrews of Kansas City and Mr. Orr of this city, all experts with the one. In ad-cition to the pool game tomorrow night Mr. Barnes and Mr. Henry Lauracade will give an exhibition of a three-cushion carom game of billiards.

Events at Oakland. San Francisco, January 2 .- Oakland results.

Five furlongs, purse-The Miller, Muster Lee, Master Guage. Time 1:04%. Lee, Master Guage. Time 1:04%.

Selling, six furlongs—Highland Ball, Zamar II, Etta H. Time 1:177½.

Purse, 2-year-olds, three furlongs—Nina, Yellow Tail, Fannie Mills. Time 1:33.

Baldwin handicap, mile—Napamax, Hohenzellern, Olinthus. Time 1:43%.

Purse, seven furlongs—Miss Marion, Limewater, Herton. Time 1:28.

Selling, mile and a sixteenth—San Venado, Hardly, Topmast. Time 1:48%.

TODAY'S ENTRIES.

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First race, one mile, selling—Martello 81, Ulm 87, Losette 94, Tenrica 95, Non Such 101, Oak Leaf 101, Esperando 101, Col. Dan 104, Nonchalance 1031 Cardwell 109.
Second race, futurity course, selling—Good Hope 99, La Paresseuse 29, Carendo 99, Lattle T. G., Lady Asnley 111, Sybaris 113, Cyril 113, Midus 120, Dunois 120, Mainstay 120.
Third race, seven furiongs, selling—Malay 103, Polka 105, Letter 106, Dunpraise 106, Stromo 107, Jarry Hunt 108,
Fourth race, one mile, selling—Stamina 34, Peter Weber 89, Rose Maid 94, Frank Jaubert 101, Magnus 101, Lady Brittanic 104, Alicia 107, Casper 107, Elidad 108, Robt, Bonner 109, Captive 109, Tom Cromwell 110.
Fith race, one mile, selling—Frohman 96, Moringa 102, Cromwell 104, Rosinante 105, Rubicon 112.
Sixth race, three-quarters of a mile, selling—Defender 200, Wooming 00, Det Manager 105, Defender 201, Wooming 00, Det Manager 105, Detection 112. Sixth race, three-quarters of a mile, relling
-Defender 99, Wyoming 99, Pat Murphy 99,
Sweet William 192, Bellicoso 102, Highland
Bali 105, Ed Gartland II, 107, Montgomery 113,
O'Connell 116.

Results at New Orleans.

New Orleans, January 2 .- Weather clear: rack fast: Selling, mile-Trebor, Friskal, Maggle S. Time 1:42.

Selling, six and a half furiongs—Morning, Myosotis, Marie O. Time 1:23. Handicap, mile and an eighth, over four hurdles—Partner, Voyager, Laura May. Time Handleap, eix furlongs—Apple Jack, Hand-sel, DeBride, Time 1:14½. Sciling, one mile—Mount Washington, Har-ry Shannon, Oxnard, Time 1:43.

Seven furlongs, selling-Nan Dara, Mrs. | the walls of Morro, where for so

fought the twenty rounds hard and fast, each displaying a great deal of science and good indgment. From the opening round neither let his opponent have an idle moment, and before five rounds had been gone through each man's face was well marked up. For fifteen rounds Matthews had a slight lead. Toward the close of the fight Zeigler was the stronger. Sam Austin, the referee, could not decide on either man as a winner, and declared the bout a draw. The decision was a popular one.

Clarke and Miss Adelaide Prince appeared at the opera house yestorday, two perform ances being given. At matinee "Davi Garrick" was presented before quite a come pl mentary authence. This is a comedy os much ment and is very familiar to the theater-going public. Mr. Clarke, in the utile role, and Miss Prince as Ada Ingot were very strong, especially so was the former in the drunken scene in the second act, but the supporting company was only fair and one of the principal characters, that of Mr. J. J. Lambrook as Simon Ingot second to be very amateurish at times.

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Boston, January 2.—At a meeting of the di-imperialist league today it was reported

JUDGE DAY'S WELL

Banquetted By the Bar Assoc ton, His Home.

ELOOUNNT REFERENCE TO THE M

in Response to Welcome Ad Reviewed the Peace Co sion's Work in Paris.

Canton, Ohio, January 2.- Judge ? R. Day, the president of the Par-commission, the late secretary of su eived a welcome home this eveni took the form of a banquet at the house given by the Stark County Be ciation. Judge George F. Baldwin ared the welcoming address, to Day responded. Judge Day paid in mte to the legal fratemity of Startes closing with an aloguent reference ident McKinley, a member of the tion, and reciting his devotion to try during the war and the incid ing thereto. He then spoke as fol the matters which took himself collegaues to Paris:

"Recognizing that there are o test which may not properly be de on an occasion of this kind. I think nevertheless say something to my ren of the bar of the events which cccurred in the period of our copar it I were called upon to state the eracifying circumstances of our fe lations during the war, it would be in the uniformly cordial and the friendship of the English Nation and during the struggle. Observing outsile the requirements of interna-law which had the sympathy and the will of that great power. I don't b either Nation seeks or would be be by a formal alliance. Nevertheless existence of cordial relations between ple kindred by blood, speaking the language and having the same ideals civil government, it is a fast that he one which can hardly

the commissioners, viewed from a las standpoint. I think I may say some to you about it. If in any say some "I have been asked about the to you about it. If in excess of prieties of the occasion, I shall a the 12th of August the protocol of Was ton was executed. It may be said to been the preliminary contracts final executive was to be embodied "As to Cuba, Porto Rico, minor indian islands and an island in the drones, it was capable of execution simple deed of cession as the islands

dromes, it was capable of execution simple deed of ceesion as the islands cept Cuba, final relinquishment of sovereignty was required. As to the applie islands, their disposition, goment and control was left for final termination in the treaty. I have often a control was left for final termination in the treaty. I have often asked how it was possible to make pro-in a commission having equal repre-tion from the two nations. Whilst this did not prevent the fullest discussion United States having made all the cossions which a believed just and fair, obliged to insist that its terms be according to the publications of the proceeding show that nothing can be further from truth than to assume that United adopted towards Spain a policy of and deliver. The American commis seard with respect and endeavored to swer with firmness every propos vanced by the Spanish commission.

"For better, for worse, the work of commissioners is done, and needs but ratification of the president of and the consent of the senate to be preme law in the land. It of the consent of the senate to become in preme law in the land. It can not matter of regret to any American tha-rising sun of the new year beholds the sign of our glorious Republic floating the wells of Mars. down upon so much of corruption, and shame. Tonight not one foot of can soll remains under Spanish tion and the people so long oppre to have a new birth of freedom. not the time nor place to discuss our in the Far East. If this treaty shou ratified it brings to the United States to the archipelago, to be dealt with a American people, in their wisdom, ma fit. In one thing I think we are all age that when the line of our duty there been determined, it must be discharg becomes a great, free and liberty is Nation. Whether or not we have so whe days of our interval and investment. the days of our international isolation past. It does not follow that the advithe immortal Washington to avoid e gling alliences is less potent today when the words were written. The A ican citizen has a right to go whe trade and enterprise may legitimately an outlet for the product of American and industry and there must follow it be the avershadowing appropriate. he the overshadowing protection

CHILD RUN OVER.

by the Car Wheels. Crowley, La., January 2.-The Pacific depot was the scene of a

Miss Mann of Galveston arrived in the city yesterday and will be the guest of Miss Root, on Clay avenue, for a few days prior to visiting Mobile, Ala. in company with her mother.

The party at the home of Mrs. B. F. Coombs Saturday night was arranged by Mr. T. Tilford and was in the nature of a surphise to Mrs. Coombs.

Mr. Robert Goree, who has been here since the society ball, has returned to his homs in Waco.

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ces and enterprises reported by the and during the week ending, December, include a \$20,000 coal uning a Kentucky a \$500,000 oil and coal a West Virginia; a \$200,000 cotton seed a Texes, recently burned, to b. rebuilt ic light plants in South Carchina seed and the seed and the